

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF COTES WAS  
HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.&MRS. M.J.P.URWIN,  
ON FRIDAY, 13TH. MAY, 1977, AT 8-0 P.M.

- Present. Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, Parish Councillor for the Ward of Cotes, and Charnwood Borough Councillor B.Scarlett, together with seven Local Government Electors.
- Minutes. No Minutes of Parish Meetings held prior to the formation of the joint Parish Council had been kept.
- Chairman's Report. This being the first Annual Parish Meeting to be held since Cotes had joined with Burton and Prestwold to form a Common Parish Council, the Chairman explained the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting. This must be held annually between the 1st.March and 1st.June, (both dates inclusive). The Chairman of the Parish Council must call this meeting and preside, if he is unable to attend, then the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council must do so. Other Parish Meetings may be held during the year in addition to the Annual Meeting, and may be convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, or any two Parish Councillors, or by six Local Government Electors for the Ward in which it is to be held. Such especially called Parish Meeting must also be chaired as above.
- The purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is to enable the electorate to discuss Parish affairs and activities or policies in the Parish of any other local authority. Any resolutions which may be carried are not however, binding on the Parish Council.
- The Ward of Cotes will retain its own identity and will now be able to make representation through the Parish Council to the higher authorities of the Borough of Charnwood and the County Council.
- Parish Notice Board. In order to keep Parishioners informed of meetings etc. the Parish Council is providing a weatherproof notice board for official notices. It was agreed that this should be placed adjacent to the G.P.O letter box at the entrance to Stanford Lane.
- Traffic Signs. Following a request made by Mr.Urwin at a previous Parish Council Meeting for a review of the Traffic Signs



white lining pattern will be up-dated to take into account the current vehicle approach speed to the village. The direction signs will also be replaced where necessary to comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1975.

#### Bus Stop.

The request for the Bus Stop to be moved from its present position on the A60 to the "Closed off" end of Back Lane had also been investigated at a site meeting at which all the authorities concerned had attended. The Chairman informed the meeting that as a result of this investigation it was agreed that the bus stop was in the least dangerous position, and that it would not be advisable to move it to the Back Lane position due to lack of visibility.

Mr. Buxton asked if a Bus Passenger Shelter could be provided for the existing bus stop.

The Chairman promised to raise this at the next Parish Council Meeting.

A complaint was made that buses were leaving this stop earlier than the scheduled time. The Chairman agreed to notify the bus company concerned.

#### Borough Councillor Scarlett's report.

Councillor Scarlett reporting on the past year was sorry to have to inform the meeting that the sewerage and road scheme scheduled for Cotes had been deferred by the Charnwood Council.


The sewerage scheme is being delayed for a year, and the road scheme is being held up longer, and will eventually link up with the proposed road alterations in Loughborough.

Councillor Scarlett was able to report that the plans for the proposed development at Cotes Mill had been passed by Charnwood Council.

#### Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Mr. Urwin gave details of the joint celebrations being arranged for Cotes and Prestwold.

There was no further business, and before closing the meeting at 9-30 p.m., the Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Urwin for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held in their house.





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Present. Mr.C.A.Betts, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, County Councillor  
E.Lodge, Charnwood Borough Councillor B.Scarlett, and  
five local government electors.

Apology. Apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs.Urwin.

Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th.  
May,1977, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the  
meeting as being a true record, and were signed by the  
Chairman

Matters Traffic Signs, A60.

arising. It was agreed that these were now satisfactory.

Bus Passenger Shelter.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had agreed  
to provide a Bus Passenger Shelter against the existing  
Bus Stop sign on the A60, subject to agreement by the  
County Council.

It was again reported that buses were leaving this  
stopping point earlier than the scheduled departure time.  
The Chairman agreed to report this again to the Trent  
Motor Traction Company.

Chairman's The Chairman reported on the joint efforts made with the  
Report. adjoining parishes of Hoton and Wymeswold in trying to  
obtain a reduction of bus fares.

The Chairman also gave details of the proposed mining by  
British Gypsum, and said that the main concern of the  
Parish Council was the increase of heavy lorry traffic  
which would certainly occur on the roads in the district.

The Chairman concluded his report by making reference to  
the North Wolds Plan proposed by the Borough of Charnwood  
These plans had been given in great detail at a Public  
Meeting held at Burton-on-the-Wolds.

There were, however, no proposals for new development  
within the Ward of Cotes.

Mr.Scarlett's Reporting on the mains water supply, Mr.Scarlett said  
Report. that this had been investigated, and the water pressure



Mr. Scarlett reported that the proposed new mains sewerage schemes are now back in the programme, and the Cote's scheme being scheduled for the second year, work should commence next year.

Speaking on road improvements, Mr. Scarlett stated that the Cotes by-pass is still deferred.

A request from the meeting asked for road widening at the traffic lights controlling the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Nottingham Road, Loughborough.

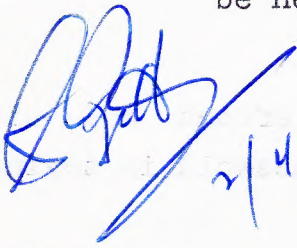
Report by  
County  
Councillor  
E. Lodge.

Mr. Lodge spoke in detail about the proposed Gypsum Mining in the district, and explained that meetings were were being held throughout the area directly concerned with the mining.

When all the views of the parishes had been collated, the County Council will produce an assessment which would then be submitted to the parishes for further comment.

Mr. Lodge stated that the holding of a Public Enquiry was highly probable, and the final decision may rest with the Minister of State, the proposed mining being outside the County Structure.

This concluded the business, and before closing the meeting at 9-30 p.m., the Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Urwin for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held in their house.

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF COTES WAS  
HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.&MRS. M.J.P.URWIN ON  
MONDAY, 2ND. APRIL, 1979, AT 8-0 P.M.

- Present. Mr.C.A.Betts, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, Charnwood  
Borough Councillor B.Scarlett, and six local  
government electors.
- Apology. An apology for non-attendance was received from County  
Councillor E.Lodge.
- Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on  
19th.May,1978, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the  
meeting as being a true record, and were signed by the  
Chairman.
- Matters  
arising. Bus Passenger Shelter.  
Difficulties had arisen through passengers waiting in  
the Shelter being unable to see buses approaching from  
the direction of Hoton.  
A request was made from the meeting for a window to be  
fitted in the end of the Shelter to overcome this problem.  
The Chairman agreed to take this up with the Council.  
  
Junction, Ratcliffe Road, Nottingham Road, Loughborough.  
Long queues of traffic were still forming at this junction.  
Mr.Scarlett reported that the Borough of Charnwood is  
still pressing for improvement to alleviate this problem.
- Chairman's  
Report. Reporting on the proposed Gypsum mining in the area, the  
Chairman stated that a Public Inquiry had now been called.  
If a decision is reached for the mining to go ahead, the  
Chairman hoped that this would be done as unobtrusively  
as possible.  
Speaking on the County Transportation Plans, the Chairman  
reported that the Cotes By-pass has now been taken out  
of future plans. However it is hoped that some  
improvement will be made at the junction of Ratcliffe  
Road and Nottingham Road, Loughborough.  
Speaking on the proposed coal mining in the Vale of  
Belvoir, the Chairman reported that the chief concern  
of the Parish Council was again the increased volume of  
heavy traffic on the roads in the district, which would  
undoubtedly occur, particularly in the initial stages
- A.M.E.



Reporting on Wymeswold Airfield, and in particular the ex R.A.F. buildings now occupied by Hunting Plastics Ltd., the Chairman informed the meeting that it was the wish of the Borough of Charnwood for this firm to be re-housed in new buildings adjacent to the Wymeswold Lane. Hunting Plastics however did not wish to do this, and would prefer to remain <sup>in</sup> the existing buildings, or alternatively be re-housed in new buildings located on the same site. Hunting Plastics are making an Appeal against the Borough of Charnwood's refusal for the erection of Industrial Buildings on the existing site.

The Chairman referred to the Appeal made by the Leicester Model Aircraft Club which had been upheld by the Department of the Environment and Transport, thus enabling the Club to fly their model aircraft until 9-0 p.m. on Sundays.

The Parish Council had written to the Department expressing its dismay at this decision.

The Chairman re-affirmed the Parish Council's wish for the Wymeswold Airfield to be returned to full agricultural use, but at the same time not wishing to create any restrictions on the labour force now employed in the buildings at the Eastern side of the Airfield.

Reporting on local bus fares, the Parish Council together with those of Hoton and Wymeswold were represented at a public hearing at Nottingham, appealing against the increase in fares requested by the Trent Motor Traction Company.

The representation was ably carried out by Mr. John Clark, Barrister, who is Secretary of the National Association of Parish Councils. Regretfully the Appeal failed, the Burton Council did however, make a specific request for the County Council to exercise its duty to rationalize the transport organisation in the area.

#### Field Footpaths.

During the year the County Council published the revised Rights of Way. These had been studied by both the Parish Council and the Wolds Footpath Group and agreed upon.

J.M.E.

and the ex R.A.F. Officers Quarters, Barrow Road, Burton, is now surplus to the Ministry of Defence requirements. The Borough of Charnwood is negotiating its purchase on behalf of the Parish Council.

Report by  
Councillor  
B. Scarlett.

In addition to confirming the report given by the Chairman concerning the Appeal being made by Hunting Plastics Ltd., Councillor Scarlett reported on the extension of the Leisure Centre at Loughborough, and the link road connecting the Ashby Road and Forest Road. Councillor Scarlett also reported on the extensive survey being carried out by the Severn-Trent Water Authority in the Soar Valley in order to decrease the flooding problems in this area.

Reporting on behalf of County Councillor E. Lodge, Councillor Scarlett informed the meeting that the Health Centre at Barrow-upon-Soar is now being built, and that the Hearing by the Minister of State for the proposed Gypsum Mining has been fixed.

This concluded the reports by Councillors B. Scarlett and E. Lodge.

It was the unanimous wish of the meeting that a letter be sent to Mr. Lodge wishing him a speedy recovery following his recent stay in hospital.

There was no further business, and before closing the meeting at 9-0 p.m., the Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Urwin for allowing the meeting to be held in their house.

A. M. Evans

Chairman

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